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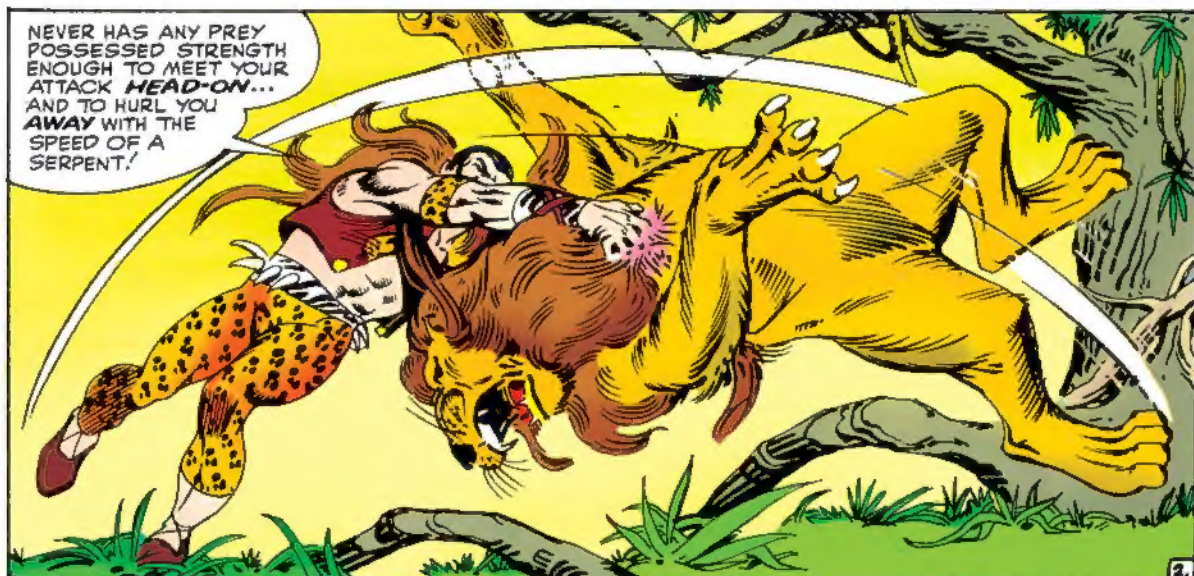
MY TROPHY ROOM!  
EVERY WILD BEAST THAT  
WALKS, CLIMBS, OR  
CRAWLS, I'VE BEATEN  
WITH MY BARE  
HANDS!

FEATURING: THE SOME-  
WHAT MAGNIFICENT MENACE OF  
**KRAVEN**  
*The HUNTER!*

...AND YET,  
THE GREATEST  
PRIZE OF ALL IS  
STILL DENIED  
ME!

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I-I-V-E BEEN ASLEEP! IT WAS ONLY...A DREAM!

NO! NOT YOU! IT CAN'T...! WHA...??



OH, THANK HEAVENS! IT'S NOT SO! I MERELY DREAMT IT!

I...I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM...NIGHT AND DAY!

WHATEVER PETER'S SECRET IS...WHAT-EVER HE'S HIDING FROM ME...IT CAN'T BE...THAT!



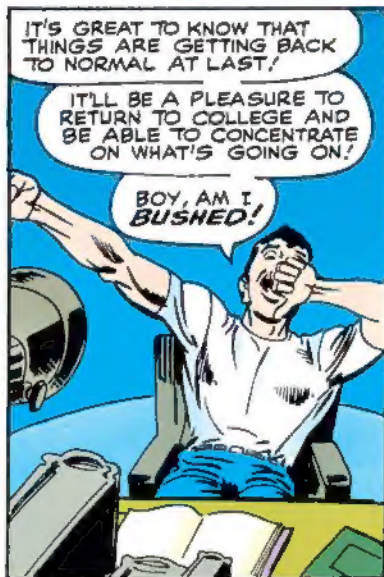
IT'S NO USE...I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP AGAIN! NOT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I MUST MAKE A DECISION ABOUT HIM! IT CANNOT BE PUT OFF ANY LONGER!



MEANWHILE, IN A QUIET SECTION OF FOREST HILLS, WE FIND THE YOUNG MAN IN QUESTION...

NOW THAT AUNT MAY IS OUT OF DANGER,\* I CAN GET BACK TO MY STUDYING AGAIN...!

\*AFTER LAST MONTH'S CRITICAL OPERATION, REMEMBER?--STAN.



IT'S GREAT TO KNOW THAT THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL AT LAST!

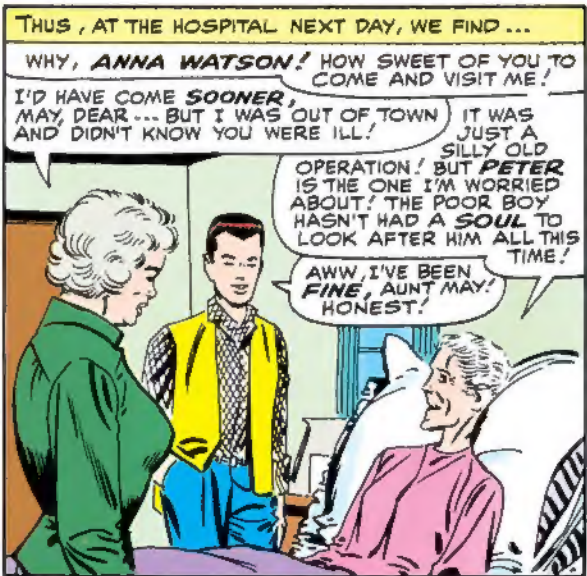
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO RETURN TO COLLEGE AND BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT'S GOING ON!

BOY, AM I BUSHED!



BUT, IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO GET BACK IN SHAPE... THAT'S FOR SURE!

YEP, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE!



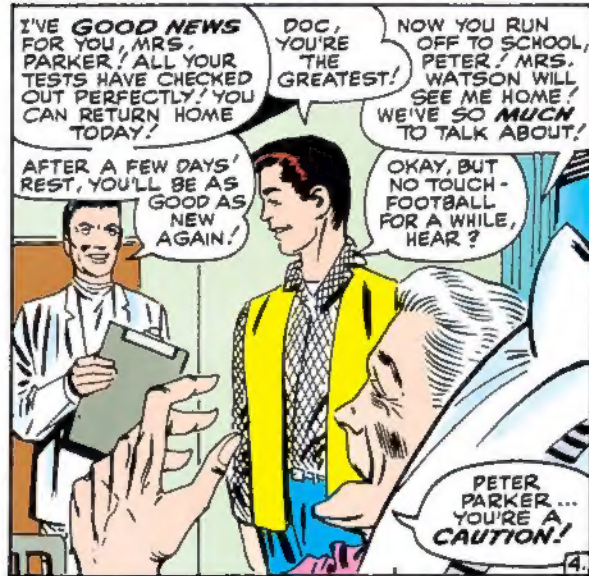
THUS, AT THE HOSPITAL NEXT DAY, WE FIND...

WHY, ANNA WATSON! HOW SWEET OF YOU TO COME AND VISIT ME!

I'D HAVE COME SOONER, MAY, DEAR... BUT I WAS OUT OF TOWN AND DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ILL!

IT WAS JUST A SILLY OLD OPERATION! BUT PETER IS THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT! THE POOR BOY HASN'T HAD A SOUL TO LOOK AFTER HIM ALL THIS TIME!

AWW, I'VE BEEN FINE, AUNT MAY! HONEST!



I'VE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, MRS. PARKER! ALL YOUR TESTS HAVE CHECKED OUT PERFECTLY! YOU CAN RETURN HOME TODAY!

AFTER A FEW DAYS' REST, YOU'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW AGAIN!

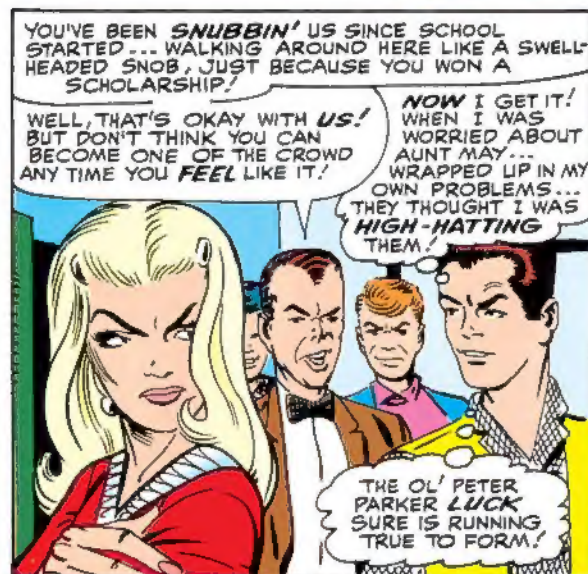
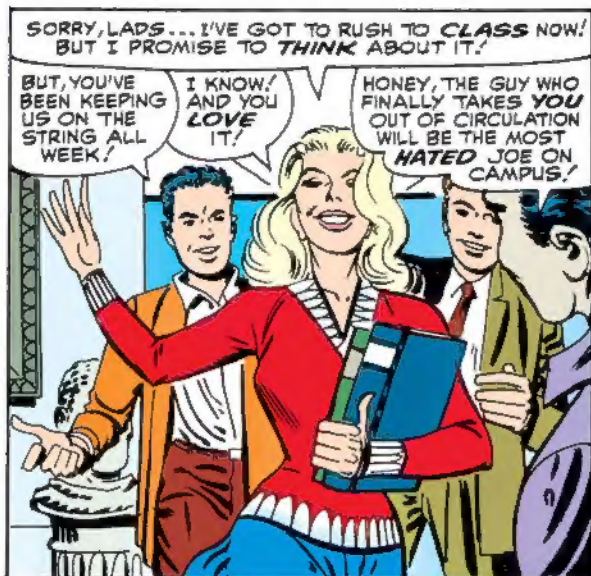
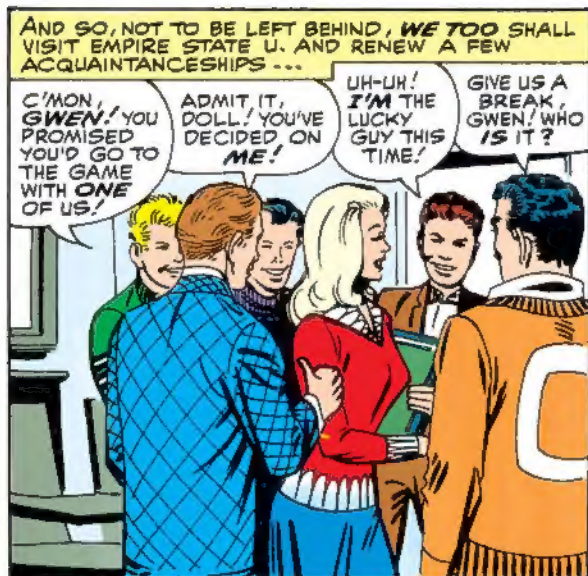
DOC, YOU'RE THE GREATEST!

NOW YOU RUN OFF TO SCHOOL, PETER! MRS. WATSON WILL SEE ME HOME! WE'VE SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT!

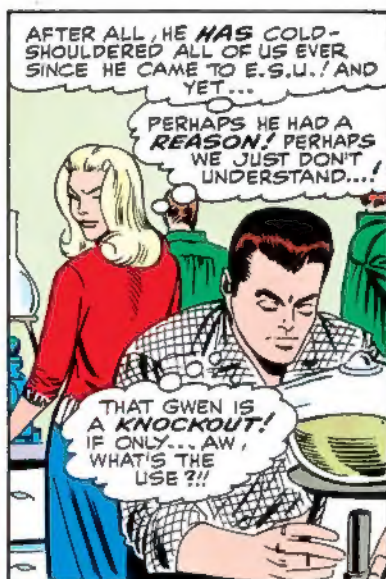
OKAY, BUT NO TOUCH-FOOTBALL FOR A WHILE, HEAR?

PETER PARKER... YOU'RE A CAUTION!













AHH, IT'S GOOD TO BE ATTIRED IN MY JUNGLE GARB ONCE MORE!

AND NOW, I'VE GOT TO TRAP SPIDER-MAN BEFORE I MYSELF AM DISCOVERED... FOR I HAVE BEEN SENTENCED NEVER TO RETURN TO THESE SHORES!



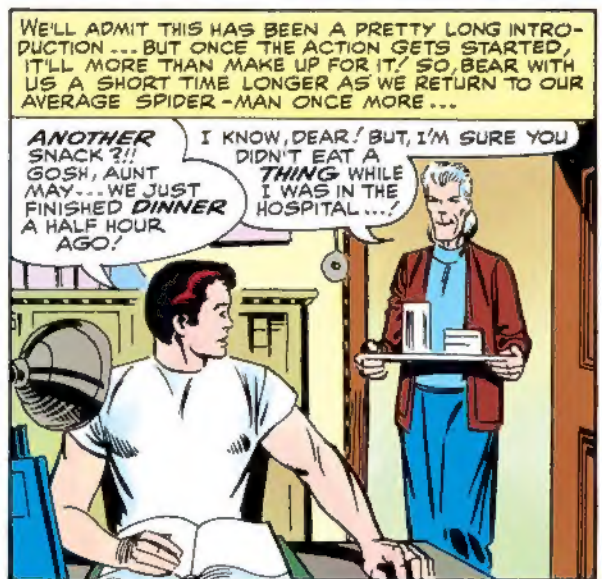
BUT, IT IS WORTH THE **RISK**... WORTH WHATEVER PRICE I MAY HAVE TO PAY... TO DESTROY THE ONE I LOATHE THE MOST IN ALL THE WORLD!

NOW, I MUST FIND A WAY TO MAKE HIM **WANT** TO FIGHT ME! I NEED **BAIT**... JUST THE RIGHT BAIT FOR SO DANGEROUS A QUARRY!



THEN, AFTER LONG HOURS OF CAREFUL PLANNING... SCHEMING ...

I HAVE IT! THE PERFECT **LURE**! JUST THE THING TO LEAD HIM TO MY TRAP... AND THEN, THE HUNT SHALL BEGIN!



WE'LL ADMIT THIS HAS BEEN A PRETTY LONG INTRODUCTION... BUT ONCE THE ACTION GETS STARTED, IT'LL MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IT! SO, BEAR WITH US A SHORT TIME LONGER AS WE RETURN TO OUR AVERAGE SPIDER-MAN ONCE MORE...

ANOTHER SNACK ??? GOSH, AUNT MAY... WE JUST FINISHED **DINNER** A HALF HOUR AGO!

I KNOW, DEAR! BUT, I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T EAT A **THING** WHILE I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL...



THAT'S IT, PETER! A BOY YOUR AGE NEEDS A LOT OF NOURISHMENT! ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE BEEN **STUDYING** SO HARD!

IN FACT, I WONDER IF IT WOULDN'T BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO HAVE A **HOBBY**? SOMETHING TO HELP YOU RELAX FROM YOUR STUDIES!

NOW DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT, AUNT MAY! IT HAPPENS THAT I **DO** HAVE A LITTLE HOBBY!

LIKE SWINGING ACROSS ROOF-TOPS, AND CLIMBING UP WALLS!

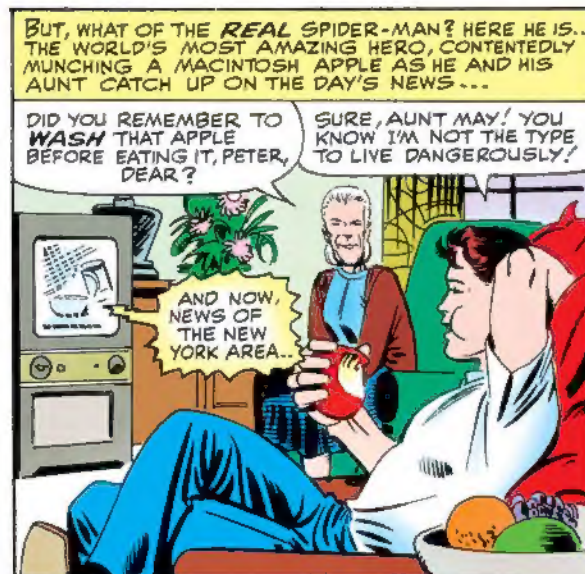


OKAY, WEB-SPINNERS! YOU'VE BEEN PATIENT WITH US TILL NOW, AND HERE'S WHERE IT STARTS PAYING OFF...! AS A COMMANDING VOICE HAILS A TAXI, A SILENT, COSTUMED FIGURE LURKS IN THE SHADOWS...

TAXI! I SAID TAXI! THIS IS J. JONAH JAMESON!

IT'S HIM... AT LAST!

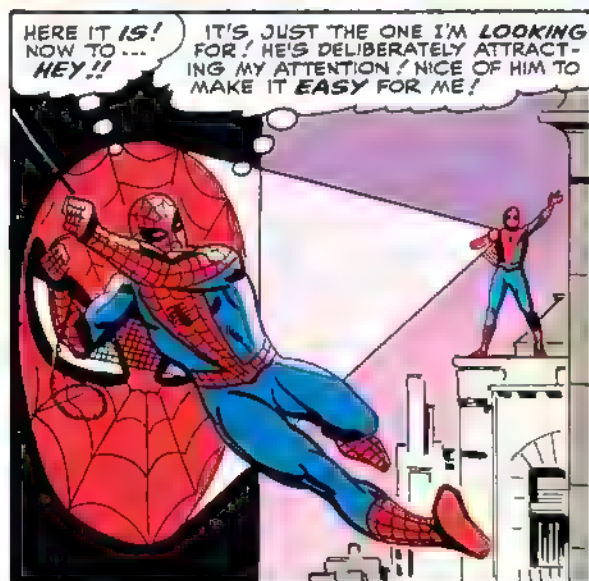
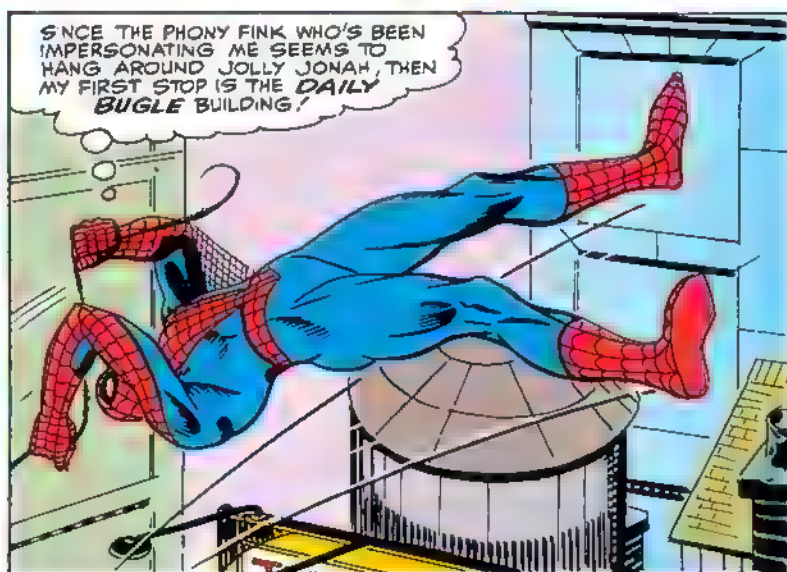
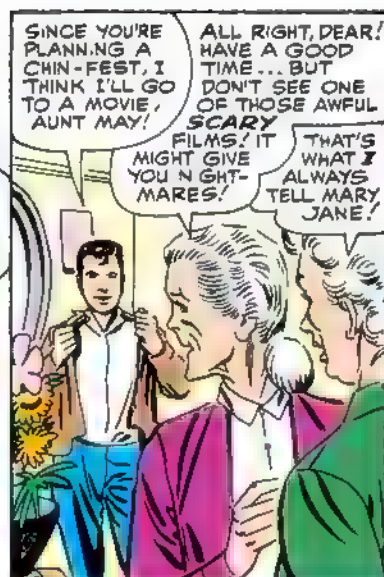
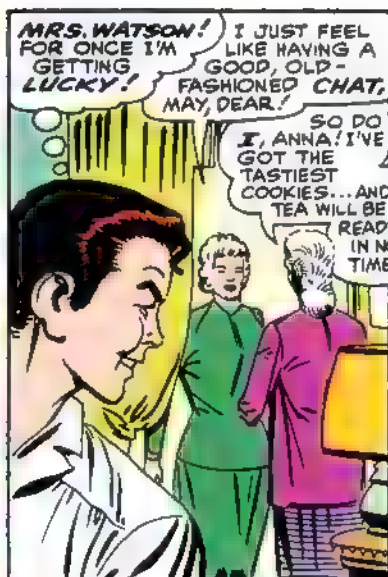
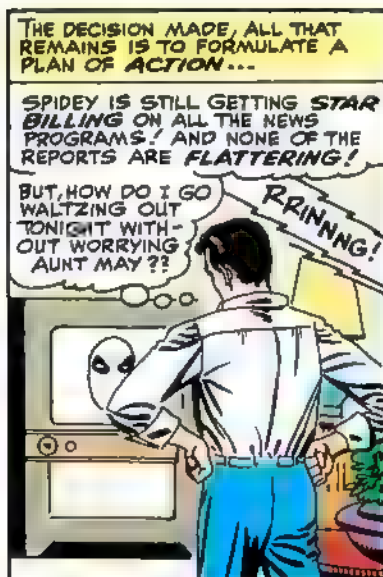




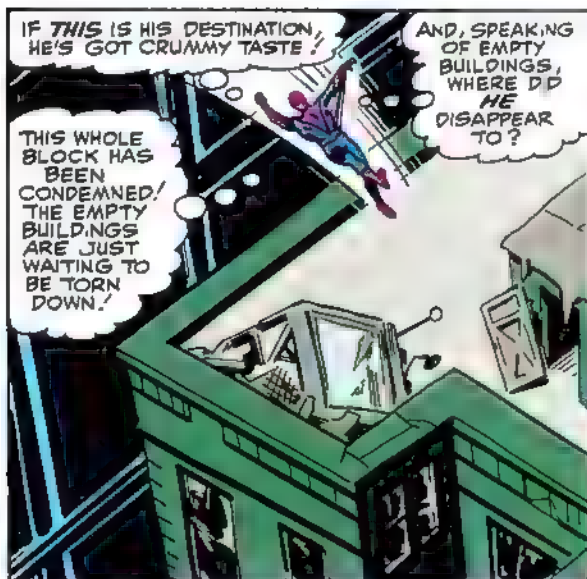




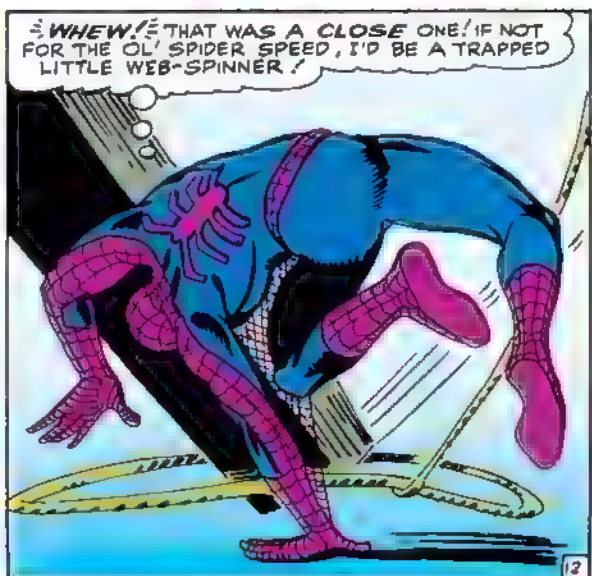
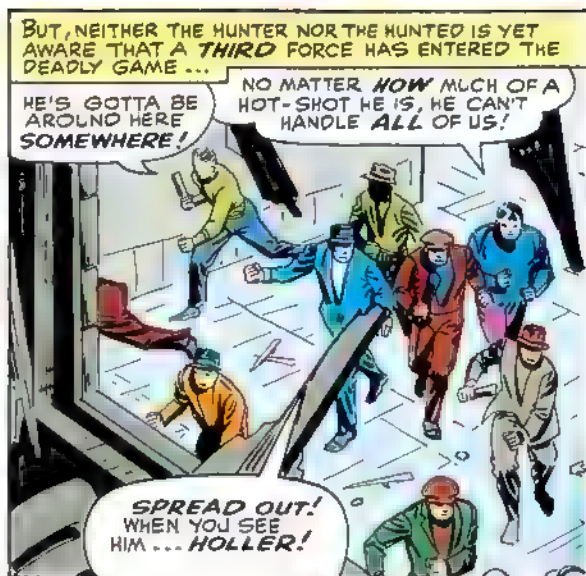
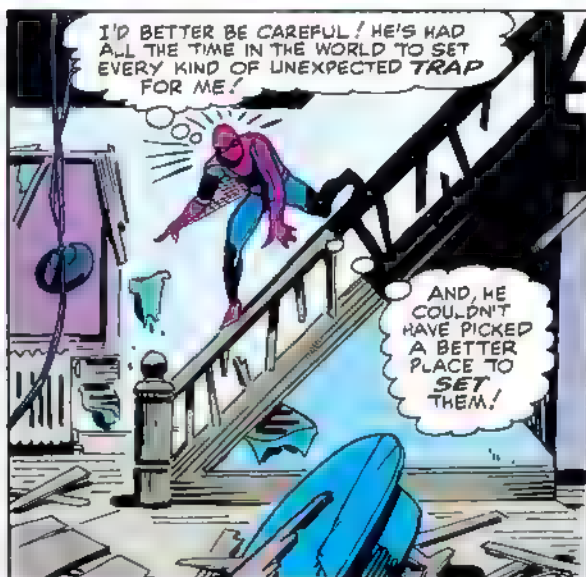
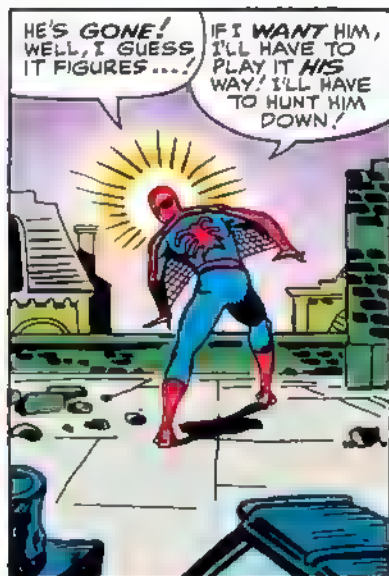
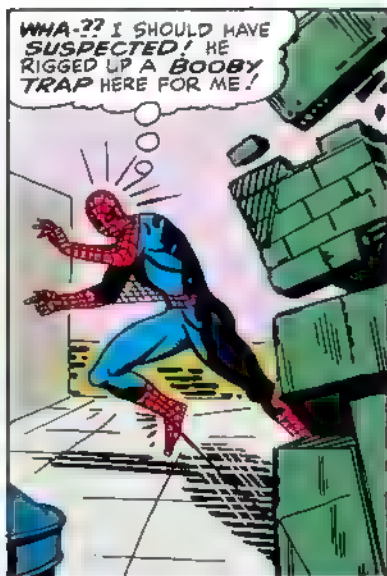
















BUT, THERE ISN'T A TRAP MADE THAT CAN STOP ME FROM DOING WHAT I HAVE TO DO!

AT LEAST, I'M HOPING THERE ISN'T!

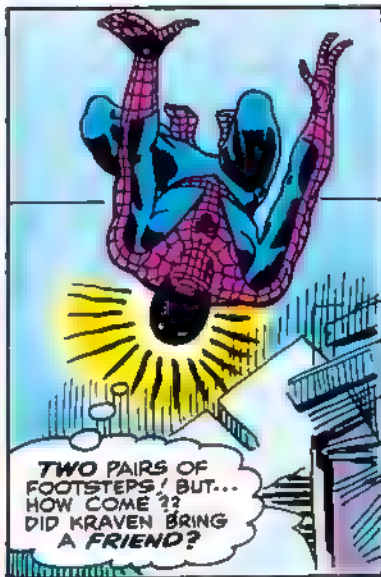


HEY! I HEARD SOMETHING IN THE ROOM AHEAD! IT MUST BE HIM!

THAT SUITS ME FINE! I'M GONNA PROVE THAT HE'S NOTHIN' BUT A PHONY! I'LL MOP UP THE PLACE WITH 'IM!



UH OH! SOUNDS LIKE VISITORS!



TWO PAIRS OF FOOTSTEPS! BUT... HOW COME?? DID KRAVEN BRING A FRIEND?



YOU MUSTA BEEN HEARIN' THINGS! THERE'S NO SIGN OF 'IM HERE!

HMM! JUST A COUPLE OF PLUG-UGLIES!



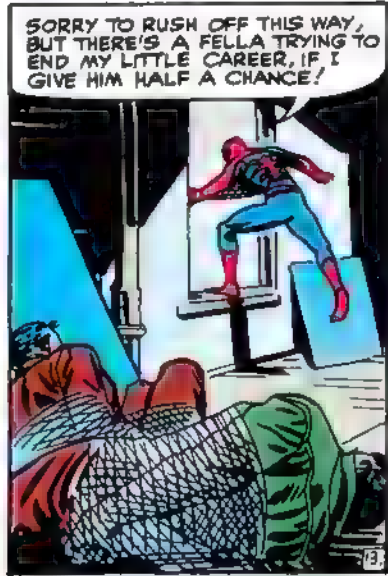
SORRY, GENTS... THIS IS A PRIVATE PARTY!

IT'S HIM!

TSK TSK! YOU MEAN "IT IS HE!"

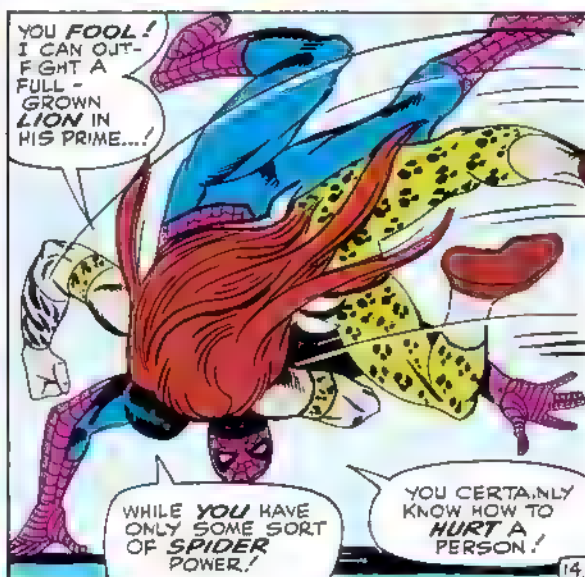
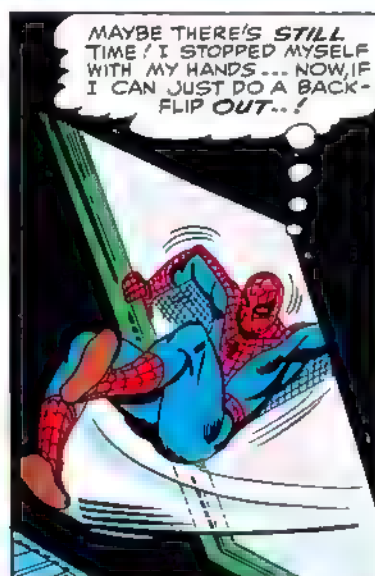
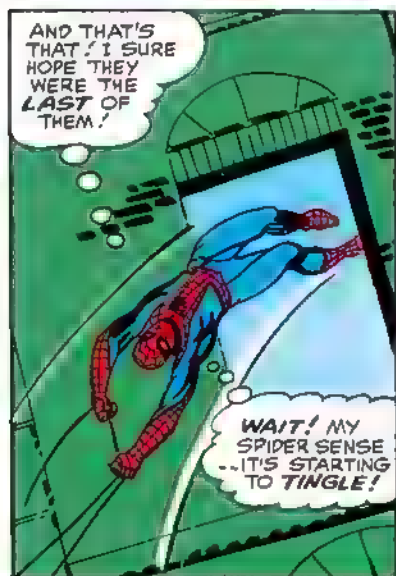
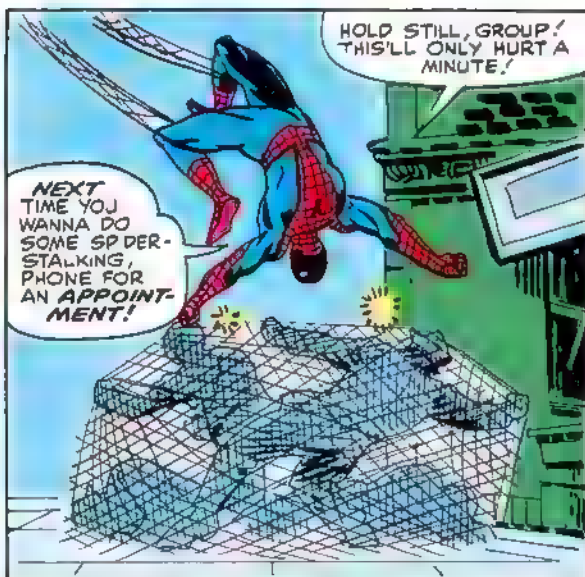
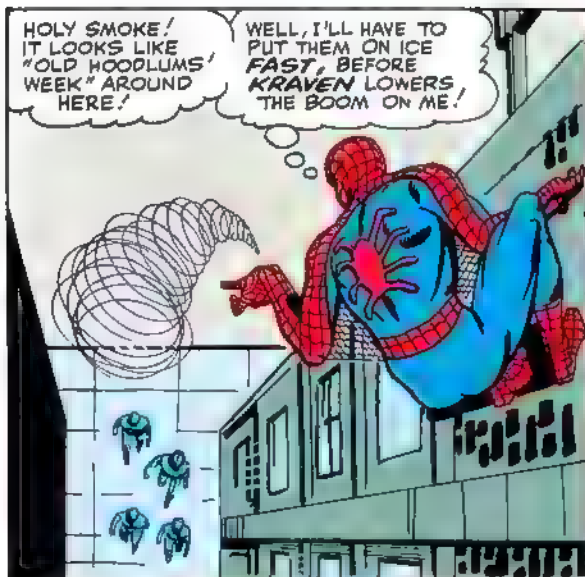


NOTHING INFURIATES ME AS MUCH AS BAD GRAMMAR! --OR DIDN'T YOU KNOW?

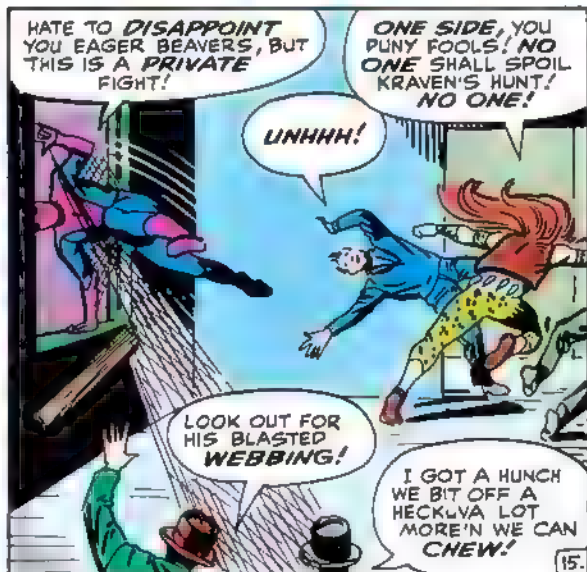
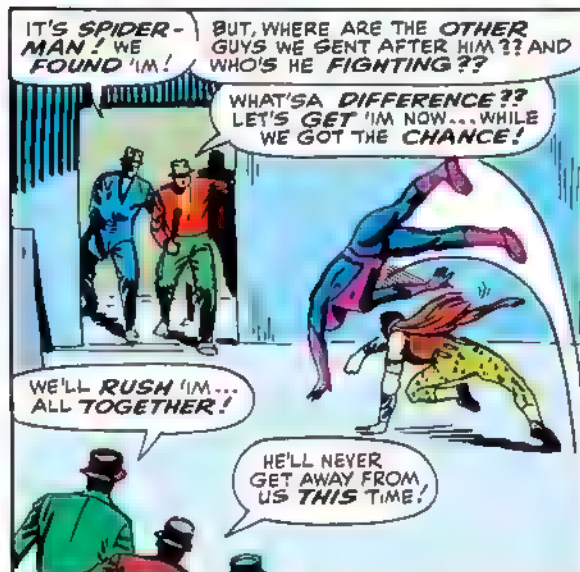
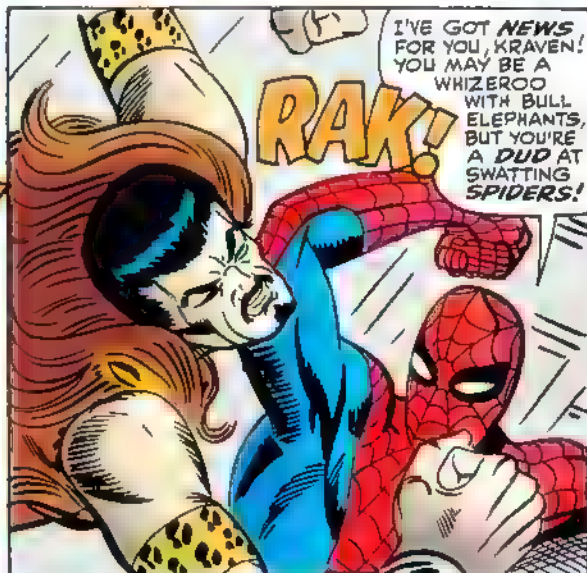
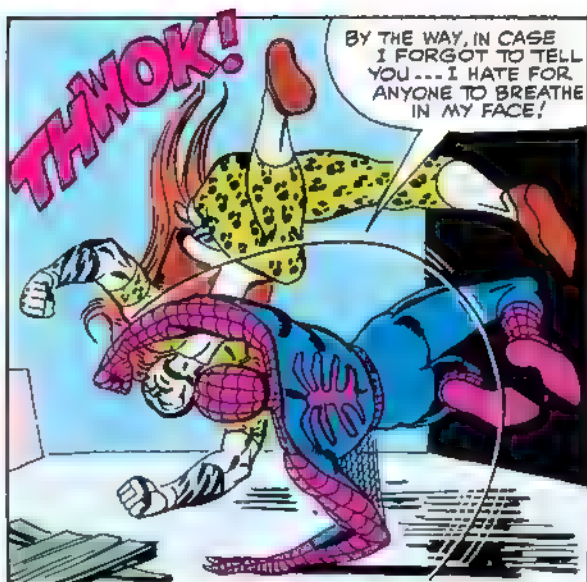


SORRY TO RUSH OFF THIS WAY, BUT THERE'S A FELLA TRYING TO END MY LITTLE CAREER, IF I GIVE HIM HALF A CHANCE!

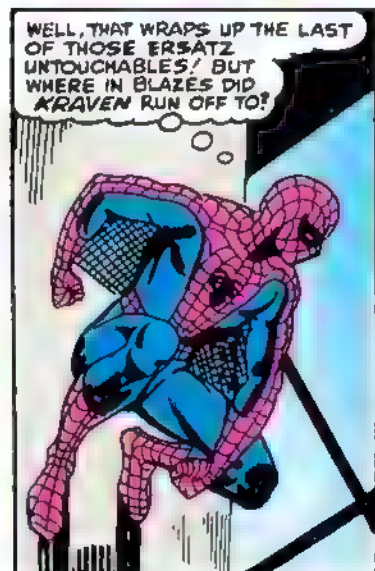
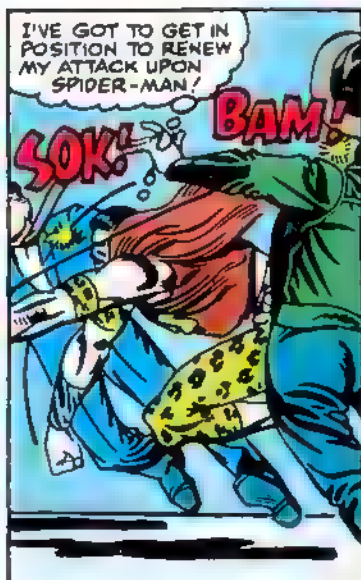
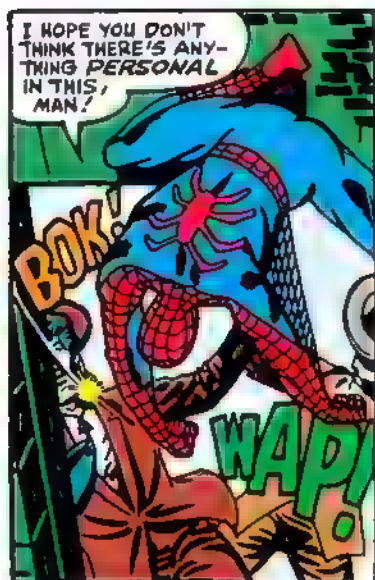




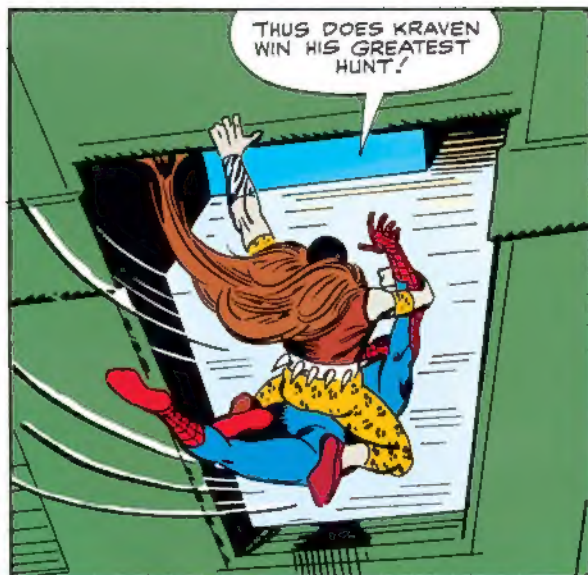














I'VE TAKEN YOUR BOASTS AND BRAGS TILL THEY'RE COMING OUT OF MY EARS! NOW, I'VE GOT TO BEAT YOU ... BEFORE YOU **BORE** ME TO DEATH!

YOU DON'T FOOL **ME**! YOU'RE TALKING BIG TO KEEP YOUR **COURAGE** UP!

SURE... YOU KEEP **BELIEVIN'** THAT!

BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, WHILE I'M TREMBLING IN ABJECT FEAR AND PANIC, I'LL JUST PUT YOU ON ICE FOR A WHILE!

WHY DON'T YOU **FALL**? I'VE HIT YOU HARD ENOUGH TO STAGGER A **RHINO**! WHAT ARE YOU **MADE** OF???

SUGAR 'N' SPICE, AND EVERYTHING NICE!



**BRABK!**  
WHEW! AT LAST I GOT A GOOD, CLEAN PUNCH IN!



MUSTN'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO RECOVER! HE'S TOO STRONG...

HAVE TO KEEP HAMMERING WHILE I CAN!



IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED, KRAVEN...

...THE HUNT IS OVER!

A SHORT TIME LATER, INVESTIGATING A SHINING SPIDER-BEAM SIGNAL, THE NEWLY ARRIVED POLICE ARE FLABBERGASTED TO FIND...

LOOK! IT'S KRAVEN, THE HUNTER! HE'S ALL GIFT-WRAPPED AND READY FOR MAILING!

AND MOST OF THE NAILS HOGAN GANG, ALSO... KEEPING HIM COMPANY!

IT'S LIKE WE WON A RAFFLE!



AND, HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS OF A NEARBY ROOFTOP...

THE CAPTURE OF KRAVEN OUGHT TO BE BIG NEWS! I MIGHT AS WELL GET SOME PIX WHILE I CAN!

AWW, THE **HECK** WITH IT! IF I BRING THEM TO JAMESON, I'LL HAVE TO SEE BETTY...

...AND, SOMEHOW, I JUST DON'T FEEL UP TO FACING HER RIGHT NOW!

BESIDES, IT'S ONLY FAIR FOR ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HER... TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO GET ME OUT OF HER SYSTEM, ONCE AND FOR ALL! IT..IT'S THE **LEAST** I CAN DO FOR HER!

AND, AS SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARS INTO THE ENVELOPING DARKNESS...

YES, IT'S TRUE! I IMPERSONATED SPIDER-MAN! IT WAS **I** WHO THREATENED JONAH JAMESON!

BUT, WHY ARE YOU TELLING US THIS?

WHATEVER ELSE I MAY BE... I AM A MAN OF HONOR!

I HAVE GIVEN MY WORD!

THUS, A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE **DAILY BUGLE** OFFICES...

YOU MEAN SPIDER-MAN IS **VINDICATED**? NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I **WON'T** BELIEVE IT!

YOU'VE NO CHOICE, J.J.! KRAVEN PRODUCED HIS COSTUME, AND GAVE THE POLICE A DEMONSTRATION! IT WAS **HIM**, ALL RIGHT!

**BLAST IT!** THIS MEANS THAT SPIDER-MAN WILL END UP BEING A **HERO**... JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I FINALLY HAD HIM WHERE I **WANTED** HIM!

WHAT HAVE YOU **GOT** AGAINST THAT GUY, ANYWAY, BOSS?

THAT'S **MY** BUSINESS, FOSWELL! BUT I'LL NAIL HIM **YET!**

EXCUSE ME, MR. JAMESON... I'VE FINISHED ALL THE DAY'S CORRESPONDENCE! WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE?

NO, THAT'S ALL! YOU THINK I RUN A **SWEAT SHOP** HERE? GO ON HOME, AND BE HERE AT 9 SHARP TOMORROW!

OH, DOES THAT MEAN...??

YES! YOU'RE **HIRED!** THE JOB OF REPLACING BETTY BRANT IS **YOURS!**

THIS IS WONDERFUL! IMAGINE... I'M THE PERSONAL SECRETARY OF THE PUBLISHER OF THE **DAILY BUGLE!**

BUT, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT **BETTY BRANT** WOULD LEAVE! IT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY! I WONDER WHAT **HAPPENED?**

AND SO DO WE, YOUNG LADY! SO DO WE!



MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE CHANGE IN PERSONNEL AT THE **DAILY BUGLE**, PETER PARKER RETURNS TO HIS MODEST LITTLE HOME IN FOREST HILLS...

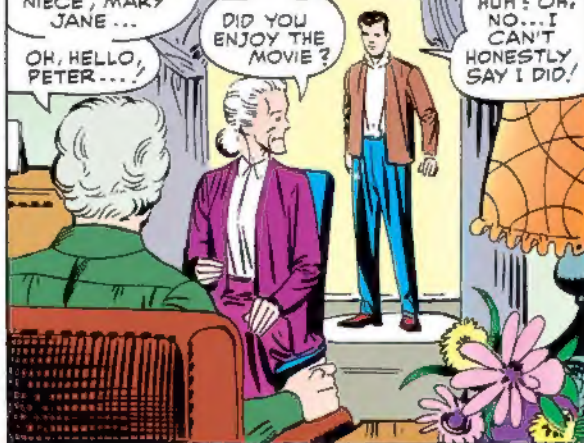
AND, AS I WAS TELLING MY NIECE, MARY JANE ...

I'M GLAD YOU CAME HOME EARLY, DEAR.

DID YOU ENJOY THE MOVIE?

HUH? OH, NO...I CAN'T HONESTLY SAY I DID!

OH, HELLO, PETER...



ANYWAY, I'LL GO UP AND DO SOME MORE STUDYING NOW! BEEN NICE SEEING YOU, MRS. WATSON!

DON'T TIRE YOURSELF OUT, PETER. YOU KNOW HOW FRAGILE YOU ARE!

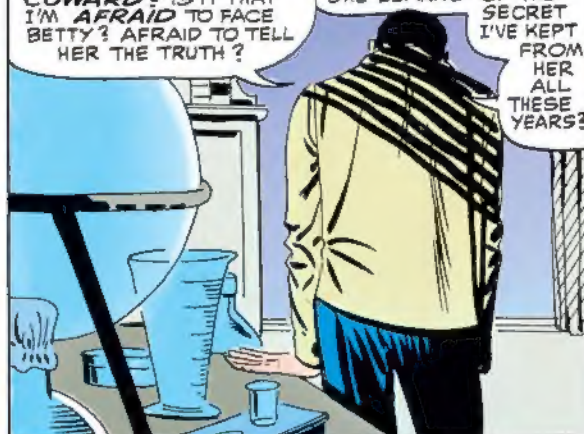
SUCH A NICE BOY! NOT A WILD ROWDY, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS!



BUT, ONCE ALONE IN HIS ROOM, THE COMPLEX, SENSITIVE, ANGUISHED YOUTH WHO IS PETER PARKER FINDS THAT HE CANNOT STUDY... HE CANNOT CONCENTRATE ON ANYTHING, EXCEPT...

AM I REALLY BEING A COWARD? IS IT THAT I'M AFRAID TO FACE BETTY? AFRAID TO TELL HER THE TRUTH?

AM I AFRAID OF HER REACTION WHEN SHE LEARNS OF THE SECRET I'VE KEPT FROM HER ALL THESE YEARS?



NO! THIS IS NO GOOD! IT'S USELESS! I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO ACCEPT THINGS AS THEY ARE!

I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING OF BETTY! TO ME, IT MUST BE AS THOUGH SHE DOESN'T EXIST! IT'S THE ONLY WAY! BECAUSE, SHE'D NEVER ACCEPT ME AS SPIDER-MAN...



... BUT, SPIDER-MAN I'VE BEEN ... AND SHALL ALWAYS BE ... FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE!



**NEXT:**



**THE MOLTEN MAN RETURNS!**